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| Application Number     | 09/831,320    |
| Filing Date            | MAY 7, 2001   |
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| Art Unit               | 1772          |
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114]****a. ☒ Previously submitted**

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 21, 2006.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**b. ☐ Enclosed**

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. [Miscellaneous]**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Copy of Petition for 3-month Extension of time

**3. [Fees]** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.**a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to**Deposit Account No. 03-2468

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      10/11/2006 HDEMESS1 00000071 09831320
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      01 FC:1801      790.00 00
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed****c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)****WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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